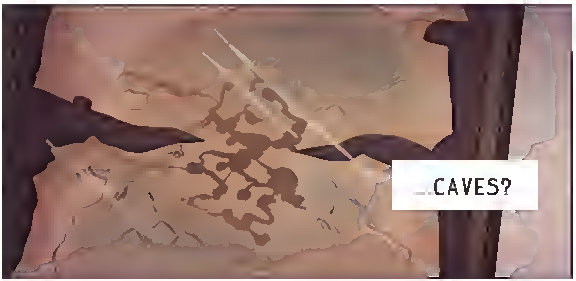
UNDER THE AEGIS

BY VIMEODIEE

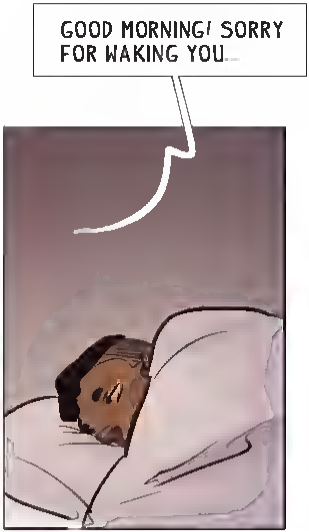
WHY ISN'T IT HERE?

THE FINAL, SIGNED COPY OF THE CHARTER'S NOT HERE

INSTEAD THERE'S A... WHAT *IS* THIS?

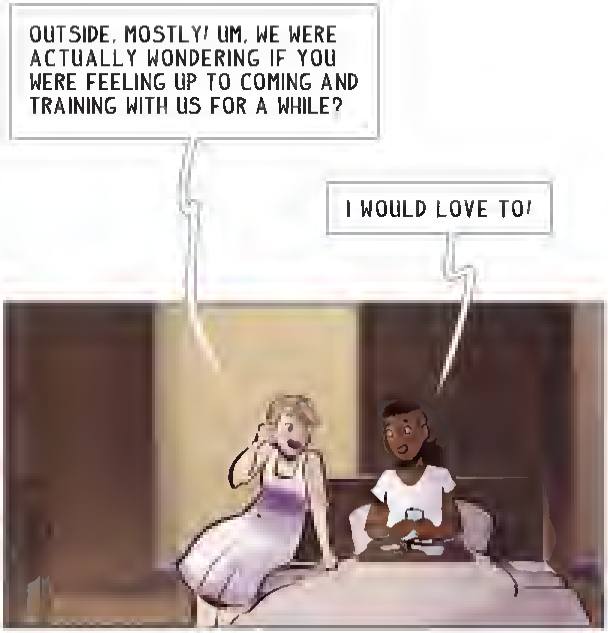

...CAVES?

SHILOH?


GOOD MORNING! SORRY FOR WAKING YOU...

YOU SLEPT FOR AN ENTIRE DAY. HOW ARE YOU FEELING?
BETTER. I NEEDED A GOOD LONG REST.

ALRIGHT, WELL I MADE YOU SOME BREAKFAST, I'M NOT SURE WHAT YOU LIKE SO I JUST PUT SOME FRUIT AND BREAD WITH JAM.
IS THAT OKAY?
THAT SOUNDS GREAT, THANK YOU, MATTIE
WHERE IS EVERYONE?


OUTSIDE, MOSTLY! UM, WE WERE ACTUALLY WONDERING IF YOU WERE FEELING UP TO COMING AND TRAINING WITH US FOR A WHILE?
I WOULD LOVE TO!

THERE SHE IS!
HEY, WARM UP WITH US!

HARD TO BELIEVE SHE'S ACTUALLY HERE, ISN'T IT? THE LOST WIELDER?

IT FEELS DIFFERENT SOMEHOW THE ENERGY BETWEEN US NOW

SHE WAS SEEING MY NIGHT-MARES...DID YOU KNOW?

SHE WAS... WHAT?

AWFUL THINGS FROM THE WAR AND... AND... HURTING YOU. LOSING CONTROL. SHE WAS SEEING IT ALL IN HER HEAD, AND SHE TOLD ME ABOUT IT.

AND I'M AFRAID THAT THE DREAMS COULD BE PROPHETIC, AND I DON'T WANT...I CAN'T LOSE CONTROL, I DON'T WANT TO HURT ANYONE--

THEY'RE JUST NIGHTMARES, NOT THE FUTURE! SHILOH MUST BE *CONNECTING* TO US SOMEHOW, NOW THAT SHE'S HERE

LIKE WHAT HAPPENED WITH THE SYMBOLS

I WANT TO GET BETTER.

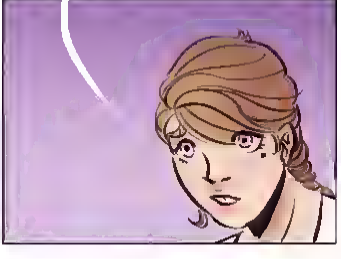
AND I'LL HELP YOU DO THAT. YOU SHOULD GET SOME REST AND THEN WE'LL TALK ABOUT...ABOUT...MAYBE GOING TO SEE YOUR SISTER?

I THINK YOU NEED TO CLOSE THAT CHAPTER, DORIAN.

I'M NOT READY FOR THAT. NOT YET. I CAN'T.

IT'S STUPID. IT'S BEEN ALMOST A CENTURY BUT I JUST CAN'T BRING MYSELF TO--

IT'S NOT STUPID. YOU CAN GO WHENEVER YOU'RE READY. AND... AND I'LL BE WITH YOU FOR THAT, IF--IF YOU WANT ME TO.



I WANT YOU TO

ARE THEY...?

YEAHHH THEY HAVE A REAL "MEANT TO BE" THING.

I'M SORTA USED TO IT NOW, I THINK THEY'RE ACTUALLY KINDA CUTE. Y'KNOW, WHEN DORIAN AIN'T BEING SNAPPY AND BROODY AND STUFF.

OH AND WHAT'S GOING ON WITH--?

SAM AND SIENNA? EH, LONG STORY. IN FACT, I DON'T EVEN *KNOW* THE STORY.
TOO MUCH DRAMA IN THAT RELATIONSHIP.

WELL... HONESTLY, I'M NOT REALLY THAT INTERESTED IN ANY OF THOSE THINGS.
THAT'S THE SPIRIT!

ALRIGHT. I'M WARMED UP AND READY TO DO THIS!

NOW, SHILOH, IMMA TAKE IT EASY ON YA BECAUSE YOU NEARLY DIED OF EXHAUSTION OR WHATEVER
JUST LEMME KNOW IF YOU NEED ME TO TAKE IT DOWN A NOTCH--

GAH!!

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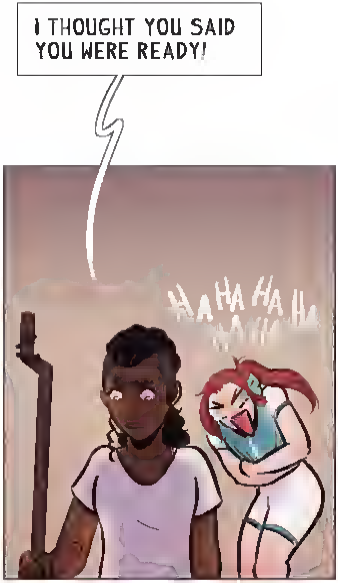
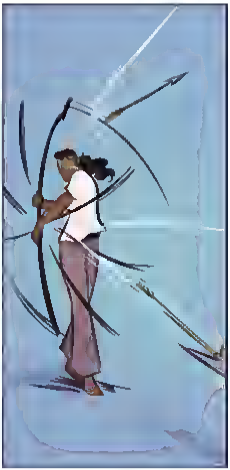
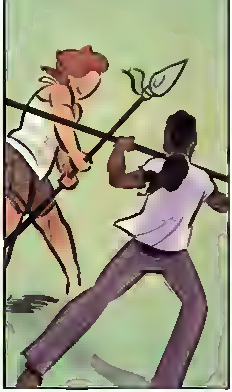
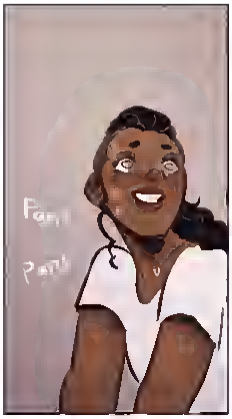

I THOUGHT YOU SAID YOU WERE READY!
HAHAHAHA

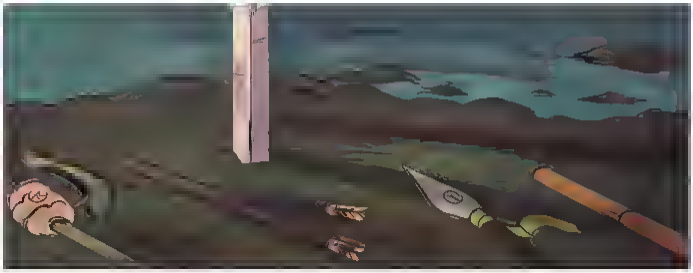
OH, SHILOH. YOU'RE GOING TO FIT RIGHT IN.

NOW LET'S SEE WHAT YOU GOT.





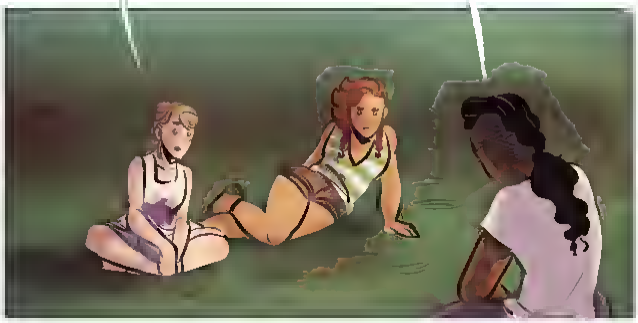


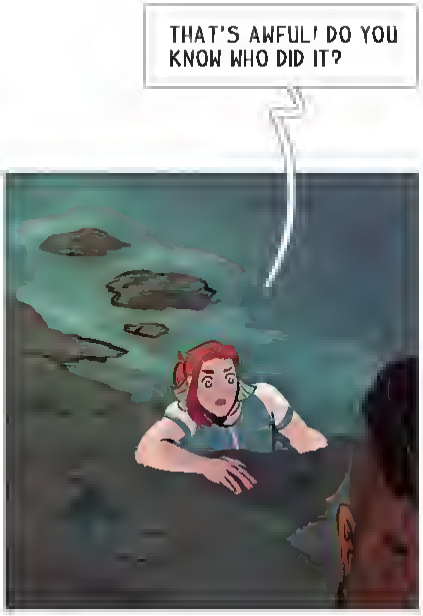


SHILOH, YOU GOT MOVES
WHO TRAINED YOU?
MY GUARDIAN, AKEEM HE KEPT MY MOTHER'S STAFF FOR ME UNTIL I WAS OLD ENOUGH TO USE IT
THE REST OF THE TIME I JUST PRACTICED BY MYSELF

WHAT ABOUT YOUR PARENTS?

MY FATHER DIED OF ILLNESS WEEKS BEFORE I WAS BORN. AND MY MOTHER WAS...SHE WAS MURDERED.

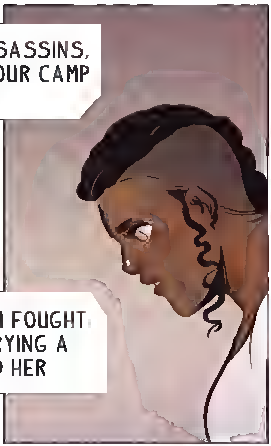



THAT'S AWFUL! DO YOU KNOW WHO DID IT?

WELL, THE WAY AKEEM TELLS IT...

SHE FELT SHE WAS BEING WATCHED AND FOLLOWED THE CLOSER SHE CAME TO GIVING BIRTH TO ME...

AKEEM THINKS THAT IT WAS ASSASSINS, THE SAME GROUP THAT RAIDED OUR CAMP AND CHASED ME IN BASILEIA...



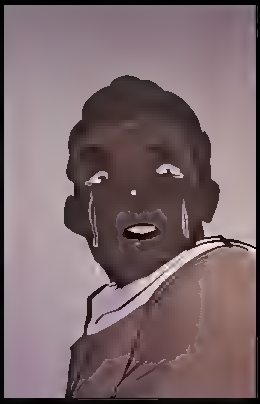
THE SAME ONES THAT YOU FOUGHT. THEY KNEW SHE WAS CARRYING A WIELDER CHILD AND KILLED HER

WAIT, WAIT. I'M CONFUSED. WAS THIS BEFORE OR AFTER YOU WERE BORN?

IT WAS BEFORE...

AKEEM RUSHED TO MY MOTHER'S SIDE BUT SHE WAS ALREADY GONE

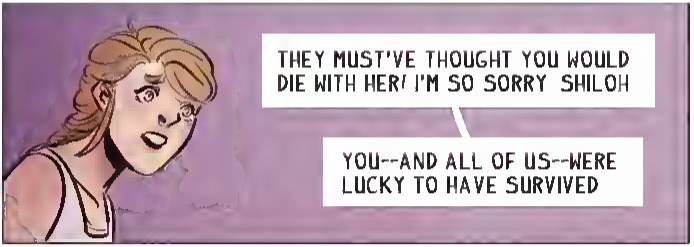
HE SAID THAT HE FELT SOMETHING MOVE AS HE HELD HER AND WHEN HE LOOKED DOWN HE SAW ME

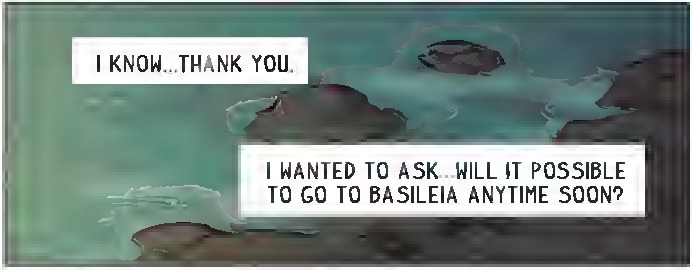


HE BELIEVES SHE MUST HAVE USED HER LAST STRENGTH TO GIVE BIRTH

HE WAS MY MOTHER'S GOOD FRIEND AND PROMISED TO RAISE ME AND PROTECT ME

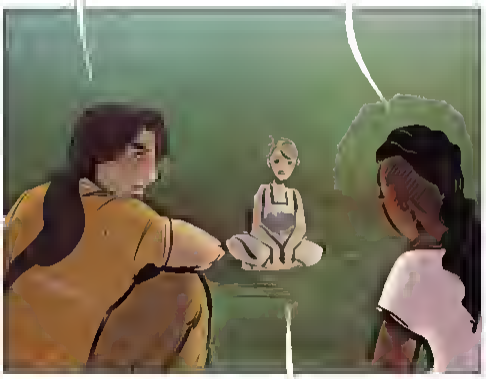
THEY MURDERED A PREGNANT WOMAN? THAT'S BARBARIC!




I KNOW...THANK YOU.
I WANTED TO ASK...WILL IT POSSIBLE TO GO TO BASILEIA ANYTIME SOON?

IT IS NOT SAFE TO. NOT SO SOON AFTER YOU ENCOUNTERED THE ASSASSINS THERE—

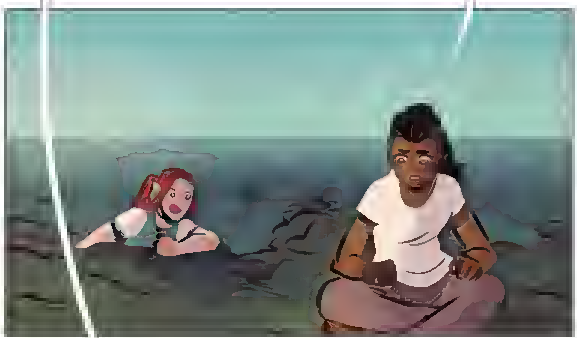
BUT I NEED TO GO BACK...I--I THINK I CAN FIND MY WEAPON.



DO YOU THINK IT COULD BE SOMEWHERE IN THE CITY?

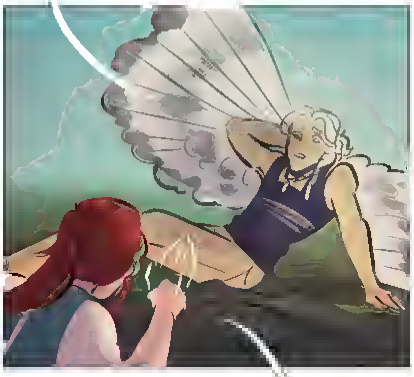
I DON'T KNOW, BUT SOMETHING IS THERE. I FEEL IT EVEN NOW

I COULD GO WITH YOU! MY BROTHER IS WAITING FOR NEWS FROM ME. IF I DON'T SEND WORD, MY FATHER WILL START MOBILISING TROOPS TO BASILEIA



PLUS, WE NEED TO STOCK UP ON ESSENTIALS, GET YOU SOME CLOTHES--

I DUNNO DUDE, YOU CAN'T TAKE TOO LONG AND YOU HAVE TO--



I'LL SWIM RIGHT BEFORE LEAVING AND AS SOON AS I COME BACK!

YOU WORRY TOO MUCH, BRO. I'VE BEEN OUT THERE BEFORE!

WE MUST TAKE EVERY SINGLE PRECAUTION FOR OUR NEXT TRIPS INTO THE CITY.

SHILOH, IF YOU GET THERE AND THINK YOU MAY KNOW WHERE YOUR STAFF IS, HOLD OFF DOING ANYTHING AND COME STRAIGHT BACK HERE

THAT WAY WE CAN SAFELY FIGURE OUT HOW TO FETCH IT TOGETHER

AND MAKE SURE TO CONTACT YOUR BROTHER, NEN. WE DON'T NEED YOUR FATHER COMING TO SEPARATE US.

IT'LL BE A RISK, BUT FOR NOW OUR PRIORITY IS RECOVERING YOUR STAFF. SO...A TRIP TO BASILEIA IT IS. THEN!